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State Demonstrations Group

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Lisa Lee
Commissioner, Department for Medicaid Services
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Cabinet for Health and Family Services
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Dear Ms. Lee:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the evaluation design for the substance use disorder (SUD) component of Kentucky's section 1115 demonstration entitled, "Kentucky Helping to Engage and Achieve Long Term Health (HEALTH)" (Project Numbers 11-W00306/4 and 21-W-00067/4), and effective through September 30, 2023. We sincerely appreciate the commonwealth's commitment to a rigorous evaluation of your demonstration.

CMS has added the approved evaluation design to the demonstration's Special Terms and Conditions (STC) as Attachment F. A copy of the STCs, which includes the new attachment, is enclosed with this letter. The approved evaluation design may now be posted to the commonwealth's Medicaid website within thirty days, per 42 CFR 431.424(c). CMS will also post the approved evaluation design as a standalone document, separate from the STCs, on Medicaid.gov.

Please note that an interim evaluation report, consistent with the approved evaluation design is due to CMS one year prior to the expiration of the demonstration, or at the time of the renewal application if the commonwealth chooses to extend the demonstration. Likewise, a summative evaluation report, consistent with this approved design, is due to CMS within 18 months of the end of the demonstration period.

We look forward to our continued partnership with you and your staff on the Kentucky HEALTH demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS project officer, Jennifer Kostasich. Ms. Kostasich may be reached by email at Jennifer.Kostasich@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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